

WHAT IS SCOUTING FOR FOOD?

“Scouting for Food” is Scouting’s community stewardship project aimed at addressing the problem of hunger in the community in which we live and work.

Scouting for Food is a food collection effort carried out by Boy Scouts, Venturers, and Cub Scouts from your community. Food drives can be organized at the district level or by each individual unit as needed. Scouts distribute food drive donation requests (flyers, notes, and/or bags) throughout a designated area and then return to collect plastic grocery bags filled with donated food. The bags are collected and carried to local food pantries, churches, shelters for the homeless, and other local agencies that feed the needy.

Scouting for Food is a project rooted in the very foundation of the Scouting movement. Through initiative and hard work, the Boy Scouts have developed a framework that can help local food pantries feed tens of thousands of needy local residents with emergency aid. It is up to the people of your community to make Scouting for Food a success.

The Scouting for Food Campaign will continue to bring Scout units closer to their Chartered Organizations and communities by focusing their food campaign efforts on a pantry in their immediate area, possibly associated with their own Chartered Organization. The campaign is flexible and units may schedule their campaign at a time convenient for their members and based on the needs of their local pantry.

The mechanics of the campaign are open-ended. Units may do more than one food drive and are encouraged to match their food drive(s) to the needs of their local food pantries. Units may elect to use food bags provided by a local grocer, use bags provided by the district or council (when available), or develop a campaign strategy best suited to their membership and abilities.

Units in our five southern Districts (areas around Waco, Temple, Belton, Killeen, Copperas Cove, Hillsboro, Clifton, Mexia, Groesbeck, Whitney, Marlin, and Meridian) are strongly encouraged to participate in the annual Central Texas **Food for Families Drive** held every November.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD JOB DESCRIPTIONS

District Food Drive Chairman

- Encourage units to participate in at least one food drive throughout the year.
- Determine areas the units will be responsible for and help identify areas of possible duplication of effort. *(Especially important for Districts that do coordinated food drives)*
- Assist in identifying local food pantries in each community that can accept donated food.
- Assist units with collection plans and resource materials.
- Have units report collection results. Keep District and Council Activities Committees apprised of campaign results.
- Encourage units to report service project hours – including food drive project hours - on BSA's Good Turn for America website.
- Recognize units at Round Tables for participating.

Unit Coordinator Responsibilities

- Accept responsibility for coordinating unit participation in the Scouting for Food Campaign.
- Identify a food pantry associated with the unit's chartered partner or in the neighborhood/community. Coordinate food drive dates with the needs of the food pantry. Coordinate food delivery with the food pantry.
- Attend Roundtables to secure information on food drives, food bags, and campaign material.
- With the help of the District Food Campaign Chairman, identify a territory for the unit to conduct the Scouting for Food Campaign
- Recruit adult help with vehicles for collection day to assist Scouts as they collect food door-to-door.
- Coordinate distribution of collection notes and/or bags by youth members to households in the assigned area.
- Coordinate collection of food by youth members from households in the assigned area. Coordinate drop-off at the food pantry.
- Report food drive volunteer service hours for your youth and adults on BSA's Good Turn for America website. *(Visit the BSA Good Turn for America link on the Longhorn Council website.)*

UNIT MECHANICS

- Commit to participating in the Scouting for Food Campaign between November and February. (*Or other times your local food bank needs help.*)
- Identify the level of participation the unit would like to have. Will the unit deliver bags or flyers door to door or adapt the campaign to their needs.
- Identify a Unit Scouting for Food Coordinator and have them coordinate with the District Scouting for Food Coordinator or District Committee.
- Print unit flyers to leave at neighborhood/community residences. District flyers may be available from the District Scouting for Food Coordinator. Flyers can be left at the door alone or in a grocery bag hung on the door handle.
- ALL MEMBERS, BOTH YOUTH AND ADULT SHOULD BE IN UNIFORM on food drive days.
- DETERMINE AN ASSEMBLY PLACE AND TIME FOR bag and/or flyer distribution, bag collection and delivery to the food pantry.
- Campaign Food Bag Distribution
 - Collection bags with householder instructions should be distributed beginning at _____(time).
 - Assemble at meeting place early enough to brief adults and distribute bags and/or flyers.
 - Have enough vehicles for the number of boys participating and area to cover. (Youth cannot ride in back of pickup).
 - All boys should travel in groups of two (buddy system).
 - Vehicles should stay as close to the boys as possible. It is advisable for adults to be on the streets.
 - Do not put bags in mail boxes.
 - Bags should be distributed to residents only. Avoid business or apartment dwellings with no solicitation rules.

Bag Collection

- Do not enter any homes.
- Food should be turned in at your collection station at the predetermined time and location.

District Roundtables

- Each Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop is asked to conduct a food campaign in the geographic area that serves their Chartered Organization or community sometime between November and February, or at another date if requested by their local food pantries.
- Each unit is asked to identify a food pantry that serves their Chartered Organization.
- To help avoid duplication of territory a district Food Campaign Chairman can assist you with unit campaign development.

Some SCOUTING FOR FOOD Local Food Pantries

This list is a sample list for the northern part of the Longhorn Council. There are many Food Pantries associated with churches and agencies in each city and county. Check with your Chartered Organization for additional pantry possibilities.

Tarrant County

Food Bank, 2600 Cullen, Fort Worth, 817-332-9177

Johnson County

B.M.A. Harvest House, 232 Bufford, Burleson 76028

Operating Blessing, 204 S. Caddo, Cleburne 76031

Denton County

Denton Community Food Services, 319 East Oak, Denton

Lewisville Christian Community Action, Lewisville

Cooke County

Bohl's Furniture, 1000 E. California, Gainesville

(Volunteer Action Center Will Receive These Food Goods)

Parker County

Manna Store House, 122 East Church, Weatherford

Wise County

Faith Temple, Hwy. 414 West Mill, Decatur

Palo Pinto County

Palo Pinto Community Services, 314 N.W. 4Th St., Mineral Wells

Hood County

People Helping People, 9 Kings Place, Granbury

Young County

Graham Area Crises Center, 505 Second, Graham

SCOUTING FOR FOOD UNIT TIMETABLE

October – November - December

Units commit to conducting a Scouting for Food Campaign in a territory benefiting their community or Chartered Organization's food banks.

At District Roundtables, units participating in Scouting for Food can receive:

- Instructions on how to work your assigned area
- Coordination and confirmation on your unit's territory
- Materials for conducting a food campaign, if needed.

January

Conduct Food Campaign

Report Campaign results to District Scouting for Food Chairman and your Chartered Organization

February

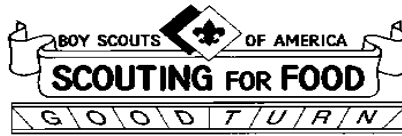
Conduct Food Campaign

Report Campaign results to District Scouting for Food Chairman and your Chartered Organization

Other Months

Ask your local food pantries which months they need help in. Pick one of those months to Conduct Food Campaigns

Report Campaign results to District Scouting for Food Chairman and your Chartered Organization



Each Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop is asked to conduct a Scouting for Food Campaign benefiting a food pantry serving their Chartered Organization. Packs and Troop chartered to the same organization may want to consolidate their campaigns.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD COMMITMENT CARD

OUR UNIT WILL PARTICIPATE IN SCOUTING FOR FOOD

DISTRICT _____ PACK _____ TROOP _____ TEAM _____ CREW _____

OUR FOOD CAMPAIGN WILL BENEFIT THE FOLLOWING PANTRY

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

NUMBER OF BAGS REQUESTED*: _____ * (required for bag allocation)

NOTE: Our supply of donated grocery bags is available each February on a first-come first-served basis. If you request bag and our supply is used up, ask your local groceries if they can donate enough bags to cover your unit's neighborhoods.

OUR CAMPAIGN WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THE FOLLOWING DATE(S):

UNIT COORDINATOR:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____ FAX _____

UNIT LEADER:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____ FAX _____

Note: Please report results to your Scouting for Food Chairperson or Activities Chair when completed.

Thank You!

Longhorn Council Activities Committee

Boy Scout Food Drive for local food banks

Good Morning!!

Texas ranks second in the 50 states for highest percentage of families suffering from hunger insecurity. The Scouts of Cub Scout Pack/Boy Scout Troop/Venture Crew _____, Boy Scouts of America, chartered by _____ Church, are conducting our annual food drive in your area. We will return next Saturday, [date], to pick up your generous donations. We are asking for donations of non-perishable items (only) that can be stored by our local food banks. If you can help, please place your donations in a bag with this note attached on your front porch near your front door by 9am on Saturday, [date]. All food donated will go to a local food pantry to benefit families in need.

Thank you so much for helping us help others!

The Scouts of Cub Scout Pack/Boy Scout Troop/Venture Crew _____.



Boy Scout Food Drive for local food banks

Good Morning!!

Texas ranks second in the 50 states for highest percentage of families suffering from hunger insecurity. The Scouts of the _____ District, Boy Scouts of America, are conducting their annual food drive in your area. We will return next Saturday, February 7th to pick up your generous donations. We are asking for donations of non-perishable items (only) that can be stored by our local food banks. If you can help, please place your donations in a bag with this note attached on your front porch near your front door by 9am on Saturday, February 7th. All food donated will benefit families in need locally.

Thank you so much for helping us help others!

The Scouts and volunteers of _____ District, Boy Scouts of America



Boy Scout Food Drive for local food banks

Good Morning!!

Texas ranks second in the 50 states for highest percentage of families suffering from hunger insecurity. The Scouts of the _____ District, Boy Scouts of America, are conducting their annual food drive in your area. We will return next Saturday, February 7th to pick up your generous donations. We are asking for donations of non-perishable items (only) that can be stored by our local food banks. If you can help, please place your donations in a bag with this note attached on your front porch near your front door by 9am on Saturday, February 7th. All food donated will benefit families in need locally.

Thank you so much for helping us help others!

The Scouts and volunteers of _____ District, Boy Scouts of America